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DWR Exhibit at California State Fair Showcases the Wonders of Water

Sacramento - "Water - California's Superhero" is the theme of a major new exhibit at this year's California State Fair. The exhibit celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Water Resources and the important role of water in California's development.

Featured in Exposition Building Four, the 6,000 square feet display will showcase the engineering marvel known as the State Water Project, the beautiful and ecologically-diverse Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, amazing recreational opportunities at California's waterways, water's vital role in our rich agricultural bounty, the all-too-real threat of floods in many communities, and water conservation.

Daily shows featuring native and non-native Delta animals will be presented by Pacific Animal Productions. Other activities include a sand-bagging demonstration and hands-on activity with the California Conservation Corps, a working model of a flood event, water safety puppet shows presented by Puppet Art Theater and the Department of Boating and Waterways, a fishing game and other activities for children. The exhibition will also feature a display of native Delta plants from Hartland Nursery in Walnut Grove, a 2006 fishing boat provided by bass pro Kent Brown, and artwork by Delta photographer Michael Pieretti.

The State Fair will run from August 11 through September 4, and is closed Mondays except for Labor Day. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day, and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. A schedule of events for fair exhibits is available online at www.bigfun.org.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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